

KENTUCKY NEIGHBORS.

HAZARD, Ky., Dec. 17.—At 7:25 o'clock to-night James Combs shot and perhaps fatally wounded Jay Draughn, Town Marshal of Hazard. It is said that Combs was under the influence of liquor and met Draughn on Main-st., in front of the Hazard Pharmacy, and that Draughn told Combs that he would take care of him; whereupon Combs opened fire, his three shots taking effect, one in the right breast, one in the right shoulder and one through the right ear, glancing on the head.

Draughn was carried to the office of Drs. Gross and Hunst, where his wounds were dressed. It is thought he will die.

Combs was placed under arrest.

WINCHESTER.—Plans have been perfected for the organization of a Federation of Men's Bible Classes in Winchester and Clark-co. The First Christian, the First Presbyterian and the Washington street Presbyterian churches have agreed to join. It has been agreed that the officers chosen about a month ago for the temporary organization shall serve through the coming year. They are George Tomlinson, president; Chas. B. Tippet, secretary, and S. W. Willis, treasurer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—At least one Kentuckian will receive a generous Christmas present from Uncle Sam. He is Thomas G. Gallian of Jenkins, Letcher-co., a veteran of the Civil War.

Representative John W. Langley learned that Gallian has \$700 in "back pension money" coming to him, so Thursday the Congressman urged the Commissioner of Pensions to send that amount to this aged constituent, who is ill, so that Gallian will receive it on Christmas morning. The commissioner promised that he would do this.

Gallian served in Company G, Sixteenth United States Infantry.

GRIFFITH CREEK.

Mrs. Milda New has returned from Portsmouth.

G. W. Shivel is preparing to move to Sciotoville, Ohio.

The Beaver Co., had a serious wreck one day last week. Their big log loading crane turned turtle down hill into the county road, breaking it up considerably and putting it out of commission for a week or ten days.

John McCall and family are spending the holidays in Catlettsburg.

W. G. Pennington, of Auxier spent Sunday with Gallup relatives.

Julius Vance and wife of Torchlight spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Nat York.

The Beaver Lumber Co. has their big mill here in operation.

G. W. Shivel and family left Monday for Grayson on an extended visit.

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WEST VIRGINIA NEIGHBORS.

Dr. B. D. Garrett, of Whites creek has been appointed a member of the Medical Pension Board, which meets at Fort Gay.

The four year old child of Robert Mills, who lives near East Lynn was badly burned Monday and died a few hours later from the effects.

Rev. B. S. Akers, who has been pastor of the Ceredo Baptist church for many years has resigned. He is also pastor of the Kenova Baptist church.

Dr. G. R. Burgess and Oil Viers have each purchased a short horn Durham registered bull calf. Their calves were purchased from J. K. Northeutt, of Cynthiana, Ky., and are about six months old. We note with pleasure that our enterprising farmers are getting interested in better live stock. All these things indicate progression and that is what we need.—Wayne News.

Albert Marshall, who was shot by Glenn Perdue on Thanksgiving, died at his home at Ardell last Friday afternoon. He was shot in the hip and tetanus developed which caused his death.

Glenn Perdue, of this place, who was arrested accused of doing the shooting, gave bond to answer indictment. He claims the shooting was accidental.—Ceredo Advance.

Charles Town, W. Va.—The highest price said to be paid for orchard land in this section was paid by a Frederick county, Va., fruit grower for an orchard of fourteen acres which was sold last week. The price was \$875 an acre. While there was a failure of the apple crop in this section this year, the prices obtained have been extremely high, and practically all of the apples are now in cold storage and will be shipped out this month to the city dealers, most of them going to the large southern cities and towns.

The Columbus Oil and Fuel Co., subsidiary to the Columbus Gas & Fuel Co., Columbus, O., will arrange to secure a supply of gas from West Virginia fields. It has acquired gas and oil rights on 125,000 acres, and has options on 75,000 acres additional, said to require an immediate investment of \$400,000. Outlining the gas pipe line to be constructed, the Columbus Oil and Fuel Co. wires the Manufacturers Record as follows:

"Proposed pipe line, West Virginia to Ohio, includes 90 miles of 16 or 18-inch, 30 miles of 12-inch and 60 miles of 10-inch pipe; approximate cost \$2,000,000."

A good gasser was drilled in on the lands of W. S. Napier, of Little Lynn creek. Another well will be put down on his land.

Well No. 2 is being drilled on Millers Fork on Martin Phelps' land. The first was a good gasser.

A good gas well was drilled in recently on Tolbert Stephen's land, near Mt. Union School house. A well is being drilled on Crockett's farm just west of this school house.

Well No. 3 is being drilled on J. H. Stephen's farm. First two are good gas wells.

Well No. 3 on the Butterick land is being drilled on Camp creek. One was dry and No. 2 was a good gas well.

Harry W. Wilson is still drilling on his lands near Doane. Two good gas wells have been drilled.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 16.—The ancient rhyme, which begins with "Christmas comes but once a year," does not apply to the West Virginia miners. Not only does Christmas come twice every year but so does New Year's day. Besides, for thousands of the miners, Christmas is not a one-day holiday, as it is for other people in America.

This abundance of Christmas Days and New Year's days is due to the fact that many of the miners are communicants of the Greek Catholic church, which has never accepted the Gregorian calendar, by which most civilized nations measure time. The adherents of the Greek faith, which includes Greeks, Russians and people from the Balkan states, use the old style calendar. This is thirteen days later than the calendar generally employed.

Also many of the foreign-born miners have no conception of a one-day celebration of the Messiah's birth. The Polish miners celebrate two days, December 20th and 26th, and they lay off most of December 24th to prepare for this two-day celebration and often it takes them all of December 27th to recover from festivities.

The mines cannot run with a large part of their forces off duty so they have to shut down at least four days for the first Christmas. Most manufacturers can satisfy their employees by closing one day. Thus, the miners have three days advantage over laborers in other walks of life. Then, after the Christmas holidays are over, these same miners get another holiday on January 1st.

But this is not the last of the holidays in many of the mines. Where there are a large number of Greek Catholics another period of idleness for the mines begins on January 7th and continues through the eighth and ninth. New Year's day for these people occurs on January 14th. It will be seen, therefore that it takes the West Virginia miners nine days to celebrate Christmas and the New Year, while other people have to be content with two days.

DR. McMULLEN ON TRACHOMA SCOURGE.

Dr. John McMullen of the United States Public Health Service, who recently made a journey through Eastern Kentucky in an investigation of trachoma and other eye diseases in the mountain districts, has been interviewed in Washington on the results of his trip. Dr. McMullen says that one out of every seven persons in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky is afflicted with trachoma.

"This dreaded infection of the eyes—a least evidence of which would cause Uncle Sam to deport immigrants at Ellis Island—is entrenched in an almost impregnable stronghold in the United States," said Dr. McMullen.

"The scourge now prevalent in Eastern Kentucky and other sections of the Appalachian mountains range is a national menace. The germs may be carried in hundreds of ways.

"Hundreds of infected mountaineers to-day are being treated in two newly established hospitals. Many of them are stone blind, many are losing their sight and others are in the early stages of the disease, where simple surgical operations and care will save them. Before many weeks a score of similar hospitals will have been set up and managed by able men.

"Trachoma is terribly infectious. It is transmitted by means of the common roller towel, the mode in which some of the people live—large families crowded together—and even the railroads are agencies which spread the infection far and wide.

"The pathetic side of the situation can only be seen by one actually engaged in ministering to the afflicted," continued Dr. McMullen. "Conceive, if you can, a family of fifteen persons crowded into a small mountain home. Three generations are living under one roof, the poor old grandmother and grandfather stone blind from the ravages of trachoma.

"The stalwart mountaineer—is suffering from 'sore eyes' and refuses to leave the inner darkness of the house.

"Inside is his wife—the mother of eleven children—also afraid to face the sunlight. About the front yard are several of the children. Their eyes are sore and watery. The family is destitute.

"The mountaineers are taking kindly to Government intervention. Many of them walk twenty miles to be treated. The two hospitals already established are miles from railroads

WANT PINK PEARLS

Fashion Leaders Demand the Expensive Rare Variety.

Custom House Figures for Recent Months Show Increased Imports of Rare Gems—Dealers Discount the Duties.

New York.—The high cost of living has not decreased the demand of the American people for diamonds and other precious stones. The imports of gems to the United States in the fiscal year ending with June will amount to more than \$50,000,000, according to an estimate made by a Maiden lane authority, who bases his prediction on the total gem receipts at the port of New York in the first eleven months.

The appraised value of the diamonds and other precious stones that have already passed through the New York custom house is \$43,886,280, record-breaking figures for a similar period in any year. The figures for this year are estimated at \$50,000,000.

Fear on the part of the big New York gem importers that they will have to pay a higher duty on gems under the new tariff bill has caused them to rush in large quantities of diamonds and other precious stones since the provisions of the bill became known. In May the receipts totaled \$4,606,323, record-breaking figures for that month. In April \$3,898,681 worth of gems passed through the appraisers' stores. The figures for March reached \$4,341,179. February receipts totaled \$4,299,435, and in January \$3,899,995 was the appraised value of the gems imported. Under the present tariff schedule the cut gems are dutiable at ten per cent, and there is no duty on the rough product. The Underwood bill provides for a duty of 20 per cent on cut and 10 per cent on uncut gems.

The New York gem merchants, working through their association, are fighting for a retention of the present schedule.

In the fiscal year which ended on June 30, 1912, the importation of gems to New York amounted to \$39,445,285, of which amount the cut precious stones and pearls are reported by Jewelry Examiner William B. Treadwell at \$29,261,794, and the uncut stones, principally diamonds, at \$10,183,491. In 1911 the total reached \$38,374,891 and in 1910 the highest previous record was made, when the receipts amounted to \$44,886,067. The imports in 1907 were \$41,112,371 and in 1906 \$40,217,542, which are the only fiscal years which have reached the \$40,000,000 mark.

There has been a tendency on the part of the De Beers Consolidated Mines to increase the price of diamonds during the year now ending, and there is now present a large number of New York dealers in the European markets who report that they have difficulty in getting gems suitable for the American market.

There has been a marked increase in the demand for colored stones, and fine Ceylon sapphires of 10 and 12 carats have been sold at from \$400 to \$500 a carat, which is an enormous increase in price since the beginning of the year. These gems are the most fashionable at present and it is predicted that fine sapphires will soon rank next to emeralds if they do not surpass them in price. One reason for this is that there are no fine sapphires coming to the market and only the reserve stock is being offered at high prices.

The demand for fine pearls has been unprecedented in the last year and there are at present few desirable gems of this kind offered to American dealers. The increase in the price of these gems has been phenomenal. Ludwig Nissen, a New York gem dealer, on sailing recently for Europe, said fine large pearls from five to fifteen grains in weight have advanced at least 25 per cent in the last fifteen years, and exceptionally fine pearls have shown a much greater increase. He said that the reason for the increase in value is that the fine gems have become very scarce. He said that in the last five years there has not been an average yearly production of more than \$10,000,000 worth of pearls from all the fisheries, while much more than that amount is paid by the wealthy for fine pearls in New York each year.

ACCUSES SON OF AN ASSAULT

Montclair Man Had Ax in Hand When Arrested—Mother Goes to Hospital.

Montclair, N. J.—Mrs. John McKee, sixty-five years old of 83 Orange road, appeared in the Montclair police court to make a charge of assault against her son John, twenty-seven years old.

Mrs. McKee said her son attacked her in their home after they had quarreled about domestic affairs. Neighbors summoned the police, who found McKee with an ax in his hand. Mrs. McKee had a fractured arm, a black eye and cuts and bruises on her face. McKee resisted arrest, but was taken to police headquarters after a struggle.

The man was sent to jail to await trial in default of one thousand dollars bail.

Mrs. McKee was removed to Mountainside hospital. According to the records of the Montclair police department, McKee has been frequently charged with beating his mother, but she always pleaded for leniency for him.

TOAD'S VENOM EXCITES HEART

Dr. Rowntree of Johns Hopkins Discovers a New and Powerful Stimulant.

Philadelphia.—Dr. L. G. Rowntree, a young scientist of Johns Hopkins university, who formerly practiced in Camden, N. J., left Philadelphia for Europe, taking with him a box of gigantic South American toads. These animals secrete a particularly virulent venom in the large glands on each side of the head. When attacked, they have the power of ejecting this poison with deadly effect.

It is estimated that a dose of one-thousandth of a gram will throw a guinea pig into violent convulsions and ultimately cause death. The deadliness of this toxin closely approximates that of the protein extract of the castor bean, called "ricin," hitherto the most deadly poison known. The scientific name for these creatures is *agoua marinus*. They are said to reach sometimes a length of eight inches and to prey upon field rats and small birds.

Dr. Rowntree discovered in experimenting that the poison is a heart stimulant, acting directly upon the cardiac muscle, when administered in sufficient dilution. It is declared that in the future this drug will supplant digitalis and other heart stimulants, because of its greater potency and the ease with which quantities of it can be obtained.

Hitherto reptilian or amphibian venoms never have been extremely used in medical practice, as they are prone to cause what is known as "hemolysis," or destruction of the red blood corpuscles and subsequent fatal anemia. Dr. Rowntree thinks he has solved this problem, for he says that his preparation exhibits none of the properties.

The doctor expects to visit Munich and some of the other great medical centers of Germany, in order to demonstrate his discovery.

COLLEGE MEN ARE PRAISED

Major General Wood Says They Advance Rapidly in the Arts of War.

Washington.—College men are showing the greatest enthusiasm for military life and have the making of excellent soldiers, in the opinion of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, on returning from the maneuver camp at Gettysburg. He reported to this effect to Secretary Garrison, commending the progress being made by the students.

Owing to the lack of time in the initial stages it was not possible to secure a large attendance of the collegians, but there are now 175 in camp



Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood.

training with regular soldiers and receiving special lectures in military science from half a dozen war college officers.

The students' enthusiasm, it is predicted, and their glowing reports will induce many of their college mates to participate in the encampment next year.

Similar satisfactory reports have been received by the war department from the Presidio at Monterey. A number of western college students are in camp there with the regulars during the school vacation periods.

REVEALS HIS DOUBLE LIFE

Divorce Suit Shows Silk Salesman in New York Kept Up Two Homes.

New York.—The successful suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Ada M. Clingen against John J. Clingen, a silk salesman, disclosed the fact that Clingen had maintained two establishments, with a family in each. The decree of divorce was granted to the wife by Justice Tompkins of the supreme court at White Plains.

Until last December Clingen, it appears, lived with his wife, a son and daughter in Claremont avenue. Then it became known that he was maintaining another woman and two children in a home in Cedarhurst, L. I. The two children in Cedarhurst are very young, while his son and daughter are each more than seventeen years old. The name of the woman at Cedarhurst was not given in the papers.

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